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SUBJECT: PRC PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT DELEGATION TO US

REF: HONG KONG 9144

1. REFTEL ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON INDICATIONS THAT
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PRC IS INTERESTED IN DEEP WATER OIL DRILLING RIGS. REFTEL
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PRC PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT DELEGA-
TION TRIP TO US AND THEIR VISIT TO VETCO, A MANUFACTURER
OF SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE RIGS.

2. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE PERSONNEL WHO
ESCORTED PETROLEUM DELEGATION THROUGH US SAY THAT WHILE

PRC GROUP WAS SHOWN SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE RIGS, THEIR FOCUS WAS ON SHALLOWER WATER DRILLING EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY JACK-UP RIGS. THEY WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN UNIPOD RIGS, WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED ONLY IN ICE-THREATENED WATERS SUCH AS THE POHAI GULF.

3. THE PRC GROUP WAS HIGH-POWERED, AND SEEMED READY TO BUY. BESIDES RIGS, THEY WERE AFTER SEISMIC EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT AND OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT -- ESPECIALLY THE OFFSHORE VARIETY.

4. THIS INFORMATION IS COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE USG. CHRISTOPHER

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